

GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 27, 2019

Mrs. Patsy Spaw Secretary of the Senate Texas Senate State Capitol Room 2E.22 Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as governor and chief executive officer of the State of Texas, Governor Greg Abbott has reviewed the following legislation in accordance with Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution and has disapproved and thereby vetoed the following:

Senate Bill 124 by West relating to the authority of a county to require electronic bids or proposals for competitive bidding.

The Governor presents the attached message stating his objections to the members of the Legislature concerning this piece of legislation. The unsigned original enrolled Senate Bill 124 is attached and is returned to your custody by way of this transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson

Executive Clerk to the Governor

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STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MESSAGE

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto Senate Bill No. 124 of the 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, due to the following objections:

Senate Bill 124 would have allowed commissioners courts to create a patchwork of bidding requirements, with some counties accepting hard-copy bids and others insisting on electronic bids. This would lay a trap for the unwary bidder. If the Legislature prefers electronic bidding, it should pursue consistency across the State.

Since you remain gathered in regular session and continue to conduct formal business, I am delivering this disapproval message directly to you along with the unsigned official enrolled copy of the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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GREG ABBOTT

Governor of Texas

Austin, Texas May 27, 2019

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President of the Senate	Speaker of	the House
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March 27, 2019, by the following v	ote: Yeas 31, Nay	7s 0.
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I hereby certify that S.	3. No. 124 passed	the House on
May 14, 2019, by the following	vote: Yeas 140,	, Nays 1, two
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